

Atty. Dkt. No. 039153-0371 (F0812)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Lukanc et al.

Title:

METHOD OF ENHANCING

GATE PATTERNING PROPERTIES WITH

REFLECTIVE HARD MASK

Appl. No.:

09/845,654

Appl. Filing Date:

04/30/2001

Examiner:

Maldonado, Julio J.

Art Unit:

2823

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - [X] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on April 15, 2003
 - [] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.
 - Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.

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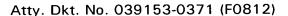
- [X] Amendment/Reply.
- [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [] Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Presen	5	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)							\$750.00		\$750.00
Total Claims:	20	_	20	=	0	×	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	3	_	3	=	0	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$280.00							\$280.00	=	\$0.00
						CLAIMS	FEE TOTAL:	=	\$750.00



Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

- [\mathbf{X}] A check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

By

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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